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FOLLOWING REPEAT TOKYO 16560 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 19 NOV 75

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UNCLAS TOKYO 16560

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, JA

SUBJECT: LNG EXPORT CONTROLS

1. TOKYO GAS COMPANY HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY WHETHER SECTION 104 OF THE SENATE ENERGY BILL 5622 WILL AFFECT ITS CONTRACT WITH MARATHON/PHILIPS TO IMPORT NEARLY 1 MILLION TONS OF LNG PER YEAR FROM ALASKA. THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE 1969 WITH 33 LIFTINGS PER YEAR. THE COMPANY REALIZES THAT THE BILL IS STILL IN CONFERENCE BUT IS CONCERNED THAT IF ENACTED AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS IN OBTAINING EXPORT APPROVAL WILL INTERRUPT THE FLOW OF LNG TO TOKYO ELECTRIC COMPANY'S YOKOHAMA POWER GENERATING FACILITIES. TOKYO GAS NOTES THAT WHILE THE BILL CONTAINS PROVISIONS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT OUR HISTORICAL TRADING RELATIONS WITH CANADA AND MEXICO, IT DOES NOT MENTION JAPAN.

2. ACTION REQUESTED. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO TOKYO GAS INQUIRY PREFERABLY SO AS TO ASSURE COMPANY THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTRACT WILL BE HONORED AND THAT THERE WILL BE NO

ADMINISTRATIVE DELAYS.

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